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1. In about December 1964, [redacted] was introduced to [redacted] who wanted to discuss a plan of Haitian exiles to oust Haitian dictator François Duvalier with Cuban exile cooperation. [redacted] who had previously been approached by Cuban exiles with a similar request for cooperation, decided to send two of his representatives to Port-au-Prince to explore the situation. The two representatives reported to him their conclusion that while Duvalier was suffering economic setbacks, he did have control of the government. [redacted] concluded that it would be more beneficial to the Cuban exiles to obtain the support of Duvalier rather than to oppose him.

2. In February 1965, [redacted] said that he had heard that, [redacted] Rolando Masferrer Rojas had an understanding with Haitian exiles in New York to overthrow Duvalier in exchange for permission from the new government to operate from Haitian territory in activities directed against Cuba. [redacted] hopes to convince both leaders that the best road would be to obtain the help of Duvalier.

3. [redacted] said that he does not understand why the Cuban exiles are willing to count on the mere promise of Haitian exiles, who might possibly overthrow Duvalier, to grant them Haitian territory for anti-Castro operations, when they could probably acquire it now from Duvalier who is already in power.[1]

1. [redacted] Comment. The Cuban exiles who could probably exact a compromise from Duvalier are former Cuban President Fulgencio Batista [redacted] helped Duvalier in the past when Duvalier was encountering problems of one type or another and Duvalier has reportedly rewarded him for it.

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